

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Spirituals at Woodlawn Church

A Black History Month concert will be held Sunday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, with Dr. David Akombo's presentation of a voice and piano recital entitled "A Moment with God through Spirituals."

The concert is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Akombo is currently a pro-

fessor of music at Wabash College in Indiana and holds degrees from the University of Florida, Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Point Loma University, Calif., and Kenyatta University in Kenya.

He has sung in California with The Point Loma Singers, with whom he toured all over Europe giving concerts in synagogues and churches.

'Middle Passage' Author Coming to Portland

To address MLK celebration

Charles Johnson, nationally recognized novelist, short story writer, essayist and cartoonist, will deliver the keynote address at Portland State University's annual community-wide event celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The event takes place Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom, Room 355, 1825 S.W. Broadway.

Johnson, a scholar of African American literature, first came to prominence as a political cartoonist. In 1970, he published a collection of cartoons that led to a television series on PBS.

He won the National Book Award in 1990 for "Middle Passage," which embodies his provocative version of black literature, and in 2003 published "Turning the Wheel," a collection of essays about his experiences as an African American Buddhist. He is currently the S.

Wilson and Grace M. Pollock Endowed Professor of English at the University of Washington.

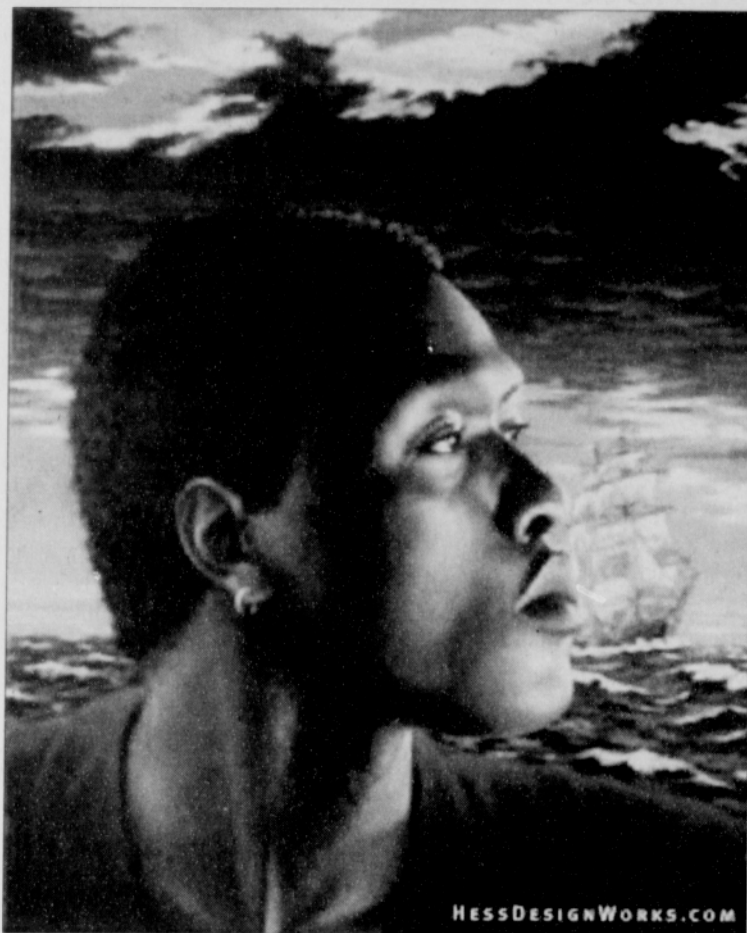
The event, sponsored by PSU and Oregon Public Broadcast-



Charles Johnson

ing, was rescheduled from last month when Johnson was not able to make the original date because of inclement weather.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public, free for students with a valid student ID, and can be purchased at the PSU Ticket Office or Ticketmaster outlets.



A painting by Mark Hess graces the book cover of "Middle Passage," the adventurous novel by National Book Award winner Charles Johnson, about a stowaway freed slave aboard a 19th century slave ship bound for Africa.

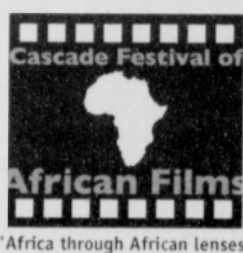
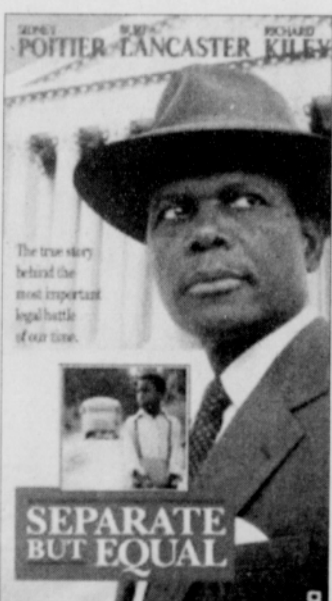
Black History Month Attractions

Black Panthers Photo Exhibit -- Reflections and Talking Drum Coffee and Books, 446 N.E. Killingsworth St., presents Portland native Eve Crane's Black Panthers photo exhibit chronicling the movement through 1967 and 1968. This visually impacting exhibit will be on display throughout the month of February.

Jazz for the Whole Family -- The Portland Jazz Festival and Reed College present "The Incredible Journey of Jazz for school-age children and their parents—as a free, public performance on Monday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. in Kaul Auditorium. The Leroy Vinnegar Jazz Institute concert tells the story of jazz from its roots in African music and culture to its current role as a treasured contribution to world culture.

Facets of Africa -- The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., presents a host of celebrations for 'Black History' month including: vibrant storytelling of African culture, the stunning images of 'Tribal Women' and colorful paintings of Maasai warriors.

Films at Mt. Hood -- Each Wednesday night throughout February, Mt. Hood Community College will feature the history of African Americans in a free public film series. On Feb. 14, Separate but Equal will be shown, followed by Malcolm X on Feb. 21 and The Rosa Parks Story on Feb. 28. Each of these films begins at



6:30 p.m. in Room AC1600.

Cascade Festival of African Films -- A litany of hope, clashes and love are found in the films at Portland Community College's 17th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films. Showings are scheduled at various locations through March 3 honoring Black History and Women's History. For more information, visit the festival website africanfilmfestival.org.

Rise and Fall of Jim Crow -- Community residents and students are invited to Washington State University in Vancouver for a series of films for Black History Month, including the first part of "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow," on Feb. 21 from Noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Multimedia Classroom building, Room 23; and the second part the following day at the same time and place. On Feb. 27 at noon, the film, "Promised Land" will be shown.

Multicultural Student Summit -- The second annual Multicultural Student Summit at Washington State University in Vancouver will be filled with fun and educational events fostering coalition building and the empowerment of minority students. Interested participants should register by contacting Nathan Webster at 360-904-5539. On Feb. 26; Jesus Estrada, local activist, "Coalition Building for Racial Justice," will speak from



4:15 to 5:30 p.m. in Multimedia Classroom building, Room 6.

Life, Culture through Music -- Nordstrom's presents photos by Kamoinge, a New York-based group of photographers, at its Lloyd Center store throughout the month to celebrate Black History Month. The exhibit illustrates black life and culture through music over the past 40 years.

Diversity Expert -- Jamie Washington is a nationally known speaker, consultant, and a diversity leadership trainer will lead a workshop titled "We're all in This Together: Coalition Building across Difference" on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in Smith Hall in Albany Quadrangle at Lewis and Clark College.



Jamie Washington



Kwame Anthony Appiah

Thought Provoking Scholar -- On Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., African American activist and thought provoking scholar Kwame Anthony Appiah will give a talk titled "Cosmopolitanism" in Agnes Flanagan Chapel at Lewis and Clark College.

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Keynote Speakers



Amy Tan, author of the beloved international best-selling novel *The Joy Luck Club* and many other books.



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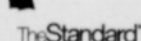
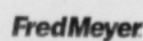
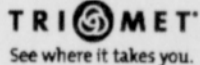
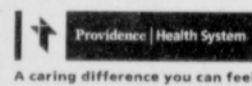


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